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LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL AID, COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

MISSOULA —

Financial Aid Night will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at **Hamilton High School** to provide information about assistance available for attending college or technical and trade schools.

The event is free and open to the public.

University of Montana Financial Aid Associate Director Terri Gruba and school counselors will be at the event to give a presentation and answer questions about college affordability, different kinds of aid and the formula for determining financial aid funds.

The current economic situation will be addressed, and families looking to pay for college will learn that federal financial aid, with increased grant and loan amounts, is readily available.

Gruba will discuss topics such as the recent changes for aid eligibility with the passage of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, signed in August 2008. She also will provide instructions for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and information about how the federal government computes students' expected family contribution.

Representatives from the Student Assistance Foundation will be present to answer questions about student loans.

For more information, call the UM Financial Aid Office at 406-243-5373.

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